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..Formal Spring Opening..

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of This Week

The Finest of Merchandise, Beautiful Plants, Charming Music.

The merchandise that will be on display and sale is the foundation upon which this formal spring opening sale is builded.

It is the most attractive in every way that has ever been shown in Richmond.

No expense has been spared to present a class of goods worthy of the store and the people of Richmond.

The Jefferson Hotel Orchestra will give two concerts each day of the opening--at 11 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

You can enjoy both concerts and have plenty of time for shopping by taking lunch in our restaurant, which everybody acknowledges furnishes the best service in Richmond.

The Soda Fountain, the finest in the South, and the Restaurant are departments that have been added to the store since last spring, and they represent in part the upward and onward march of this house toward perfection in storekeeping.

You are cordially welcome to the store at any time, whether wishing to purchase or not.

To-day's program is as follows, including two solos by the celebrated boy soprano, Master David Love, of Atlanta:

Morning Concert, 11 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

1. March.....Old Faithful.....Holzman
2. Overture.....Hungarian Ländler.....Keller-Bela
3. Spanish Serenade.....La Paloma.....Balfour
4. Selection.....The Talk of New York.....Cohan
5. Soprano Solo.....The Merry Widow.....Lehar
6. Potpourri.....Irish Melodies.....Boettger
7. Waltz.....Au Revoir.....Waltheuffel
8. Intermezzo.....Le Secret.....Gautier
9. Selection.....Maid Marian.....De Koven
10. Two-Step.....Sweet Sixteen.....Mills

Afternoon Concert, 3:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.

1. March.....Velled Propriet.....Herbert
2. Selection.....Brian Born.....Edwards
3. Intermezzo.....On the Mesa-Grande.....Maurice
4. Overture.....Popular Melodies.....Smith
5. Waltz.....The Merry Widow.....Lehar
6. Soprano Solo.....Master David Love
7. Selection.....Wizard of the Nile.....Herbert
8. Morceau Oriental.....Star of India.....Bratton
9. Intermezzo.....Cavalleria Rusticana.....Mascagni
10. Finale.....Southern Airs.....Ross

In addition to the above program, we have also arranged for a recital on the KINGSBURY INNER-PLAYER PIANO, under the direction of Mr. William R. Reinhardt.

The Inner-Player Piano is furnished by the courtesy of The Cable Company, of this city.

The recitals will be given from 11 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. and 3:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. in the ladies' rest room, second floor.

LONDON, DOPE KING, MUST GO TO JAIL UNLESS SUPREME COURT SAVES HIM

Sentenced for Thirty Days and Fined \$100 in Hustings Court Yesterday.

M'DERMOTT PUT UNDER BOND

Folkes Makes Strong Fight to Convict and Succeeds—Much Interest in Case.

Satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the testimony of Edward M'Dermott, of the Richmond police, known to the jury as "the fish," was not worthy of credence, the jury in the Hustings Court yesterday convicted Samuel J. London for selling cocaine, and gave him the full penalty under the old law—thirty days in jail and a fine of \$100. In the Folkes Court, from which he appealed, the dope king got the same punishment from his former friend and driving companion, Justice Crutchfield.

Appealed to Supreme Court.

When the verdict was announced, after ten minutes' deliberation by the jury, Judge Witt asked if M'Dermott was in court. There was no response when his name was called.

"Notify the police to arrest him and bring him into court," said Judge Witt, his purpose being to demand a heavy bond, which may mean a term of one year in jail for the confessed cocaine dealer, who made desperate but unsuccessful efforts to save his employer from the meshes of the law.

M'Dermott was arrested at 6 o'clock and escorted to court, where he was put under a \$1000 bond to keep the peace for twelve months. London went securely.

Three motions by the defense were quickly overruled. These were to arrest judgment, set aside the verdict, and dismiss the case because of "misdirection in the instructions of the court." Mr. Harry M. Smith and Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock, counsel for the prisoner, asked that sentence be suspended in order that an appeal might be taken to the Supreme Court. London, therefore, was permitted to remain in bond, with orders to return to court on April 16th. Unless the higher tribunal is disposed to be merciful, the defendant must rest a while in prison.

Great Fight by Folkes.

Though pitted against two of the shrewdest criminal lawyers in the city, Commonwealth's Attorney Minstree Folkes conducted the case in masterly style, his argument being one of the strongest and most impressive ever heard in the City Hall. While the jury was out, Judge Witt stopped down from the bench and warmly congratulated him. The conviction of London, not the least part of which was due to the effort of Mr. Folkes, is regarded as a notable victory in the warfare against the drug evil.

One of the lawyers for the defense expressed the opinion that the jury was swayed by the newspapers and by public sentiment, which may have been

partly true, although the verdict itself was based upon the evidence adduced. Throughout the hearing it has been clear that the resentment of the public toward London was not one-half as great as that against M'Dermott, who, it was admitted, had sold the drug to poor white people and negroes, and who subsequently furnished himself, in view of the verdict, to help save his chief. Judge Witt intimated strongly that if he had the law and the power, he would send M'Dermott to prison for life.

As Cool as a Fish.

While the foundations were being knocked from under his slender edifice, London sat quietly by his lawyer, occasionally stroking his short and stubby red beard. When the jury retired he walked toward the bench to stretch his legs. He shifted about awkwardly and uneasily, like a stranger and unwelcome guest at a fashionable reception. Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes opened with a careful review of the evidence. He pointed out that the testimony of Detectives Wren and Bailey proved that London was a partner in the unlawful traffic. For thirty minutes he rattled the evidence of M'Dermott, charged openly that M'Dermott was a liar when he said that London was innocent.

Without attempting to play upon the sympathy of the jury, he fairly flayed the self-confessed criminal. Mr. Folkes declared that the instructions of the court were plain; that, in a word, the jury was told to convict or acquit, according to the way it believed the evidence.

"I ask you to remember the families of those who have suffered because of the use of this drug; I ask you to remember the families of those who never use it, but who are constantly in danger because of its use by crooks and those who become crooks and murderers. No criminal ever came before the bar of justice with the hope of escape without pleading innocence. London pleads it, his son pleads it, M'Dermott pleads it; but I tell you that a man of the low stamp of M'Dermott is not to be believed on oath."

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Sure Pollock Wouldn't Convict.
Mr. Pollock and Mr. Smith made strenuous efforts for London, the argument of Mr. Smith attracting the crowds. In his closing speech Mr. Folkes removed his parliamentary gloves in replying to Mr. Pollock's statement that he (Pollock) would not convict a yellow dog on the evidence.

"I agree with that," said Mr. Folkes. "Mr. Pollock would not convict a yellow dog on the evidence; but I thank God, gentlemen, that you and not London's attorney must sit in judgment. The people of this city, the people of this Commonwealth, rejoice that representative men are to decide between innocence and guilt. If you acquit, you must throw aside the evidence of Wren and Bailey and accept that of M'Dermott, who is not as good or as decent as George Gates, the negro who bought and sold cocaine to the lowest elements in the community. The people of this city look to you to break up this traffic. Mr. Pollock would have you remember only the family of this man here on trial."

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WORK HALTS FOR LACK OF MONEY

Mayor Too Ill to Sign Appropriation Ordinance—Turpin to Approve It To-Day.

BUSY NIGHT AT CITY HALL

Bids to Repair Feeder Wall at Settling Basin May Exceed Amount Set Aside.

Mayor McCarthy's failure to sign the appropriation ordinance, because of illness, was somewhat of a stumbling block to several of the Council committees in session last night, and matters of more or less importance went over for subsequent consideration. A number of ordinances were sent yesterday to President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, who is Mayor pro tem, and who announced that if Captain McCarthy is not out to-day or tomorrow, he will approve them.

The Committee on Light, for which a new office has been created in the Gas Department, had a number of anxious candidates waiting on the outside to land the plum, but as the budget had not been signed the election was deferred. The committee will meet at the lower gas works to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to accept the water gas plant.

Must Advertise for Bids.

Because of opposition on the part of members to the plan heretofore followed by the Committee on Street Cleaning, relating to the purchase of horse food, it was decided last night to advertise for bids. For a long time the subcommittee, composed of Aldermen Bennett and Councilmen Grimes and Gates, did the buying.

Superintendent Cohn was instructed to obey the wishes of the Main Street business men, who sent a petition to the Council, asking that the sidewalks be swept before 8 o'clock in the morning.

No Feeder Wall Contract.
Six bids to repair the feeder wall at the settling basin, which was partially destroyed by James River floods some months ago, were received by the Committee on Water last night. The various items were not tabulated, a task which will necessitate another meeting to-night. The one item bid was for \$5,000 more than the money appropriated by the Council.

Strode Personna Non Grata.

Some reference to the report that Dr. William A. Strode, a former interne at the City Home, has been spending much of his time there since the acceptance of his resignation, was made by members of the Committee on Relief of the Poor. The statement that Strode was sleeping at the institution was denied. Superintendent Davis was instructed to look into the matter.

Still Raising Lester Street.

The question of how to raise Lester Street was the subject of some discussion at a meeting of the Committee on Streets last night. The plan prepared by City Engineer Bolling was presented, but in view of the contemplated condemnation proceedings and of the fact that there were no money available, the matter was referred to the Marshall Ward delegation, with instructions to report before the spring election. The committee was in session for several hours, but its time was occupied in the consideration of the material for the resolution requiring the Passenger and Power Company to improve the pavement around its Main Street tracks was laid on the table.

Fire Escape Plan Approved.

Mayor McCarthy's recommendation that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for the purchase of two fire escapes for the High School was approved by the Finance Committee last night. An ordinance will be sent to Council.

The committee also approved the designs to be submitted by architects for the Blues' Armory. The amount stipulated was \$450.

STERNER PENALTY FOR POLICY MEN

Justice Crutchfield, It Is Said, Will Impose Severe Punishment Hereafter.

Policy writers may expect in the future to meet a sadder fate than has heretofore been their lot, for it is understood on reliable authority that Justice Crutchfield has announced to certain officials that all who come before him hereafter will get the full measure of the law. He was unaware, it is stated, of the fact that the policy writers in the way of policy business—which is quite a business, as sufficiently proved by the "New Dispensary" and "New Dispensary" which are opened to the true facts he expects to deal with the criminals in more serious manner.

Chief of Police Werner and several Police Commissioners stated last night that they were determined to do all in their power to wipe out the policy business. They have been arrested time and time again, but they simply laughed at the law, and went back to doing policy. Shops have been raided time after time, but it did little good.

About six months ago the police were so hot on the trail of the shops that many of them closed temporarily, and signs, with the legend "nothing doing," were hung out where the initiated could observe them without fail. But raids on policy shops are difficult to make. These shops are run by the proprietors in the act of writing out a ticket he cannot make an arrest. Recently while the Chief of Police and a commissioner were on an investigation, a man was found writing, and on him the chief laid a heavy hand. Another man was found writing, and he was allowed to stay, there being no direct evidence against him.

The policy writers had no previous acquaintance with The Times-Dispatch reporter, and therefore seem to know without question that the reporter was a policeman on the force by sight, and it would be difficult to buy a floor even in plain clothes the independent ticket, and thus secure the expected evidence. Apparently the detective of employing a strikers of the five unknown to the police shops has been up to the time.

BLACKSTONE MAY HOLD WHIPRAID

Said That He Will Attempt to Delay Vote Until Expiration of Thirty Days.

TIE HANDS OF ASSEMBLY

Only Way to Remove Him Then Would Be to Call Extra Session.

Revised by an interesting suggestion concerning constitutional limitations upon the General Assembly, the Blackstone removal proceedings are being freely discussed again, and the belief is growing that the accused jurist is in a position to give the administration a great deal of trouble before he is finally relieved of the judicial cradle.

After the House Committee for Courts of Justice had reported in favor of removal, the two branches, by joint resolution, gave Judge Blackstone the twenty days' notice required by the Constitution, which notice was to the effect that on March 25th the General Assembly would proceed to consider the question of his removal from office "for cause." In the meantime Judge Blackstone announced that though he would accept the notice, he did so without waiving any of his rights, and that he would return here on March 25th; would appear before the Legislature, and would proceed to exhaust every right given him under the Constitution of the State.

New Point Raised.

The point now raised is that the Legislature is not permitted by the Constitution to extend a regular session for a longer period than thirty days. The twenty days' notice to Judge Blackstone will mature on March 25th, and the extended session will expire by limitation on April 24th. It cannot be extended an hour longer, and any act done after midnight of that date would be void and of no effect. The only remedy would be an extraordinary session, to which both the Governor and the members of the General Assembly are opposed.

Another Question.

Another interesting question arises. If an extra session should be called, whether the record made up in the case at the regular and extended sessions could be taken up. It is held by some that in the event of such a situation the whole matter might have to be taken up afresh and gone over from the beginning. The resolution requiring the introduction and discussion of further testimony would require the case beyond the limits of the thirty days' extension, in which event one of the two results outlined would inevitably follow.

Before Judge Blackstone left the city some of his friends said that in his final fight before the Legislature Mr. R. G. Blackford, of Newport News, would probably be his leading counsel. Judge Blackstone would neither deny nor affirm this statement, but his manner of discussing it seemed to indicate that it might be true. Mr. Blackford was one of his principal witnesses from among the bar of Newport News.

If Judge Blackstone should, upon his resignation, introduce strong counsel, who would raise every point under which he claims protection against the present method of procedure, and argue together the matter, it might be that the time thus consumed, in addition to that required for the introduction and discussion of further testimony, would require the case beyond the limits of the thirty days' extension, in which event one of the two results outlined would inevitably follow.

Plumbers' License the Same.

After hearing complaints from a number of citizens, the Finance Committee shaved the license assessed to plumbers last night. In a number of instances the rate was an important modification being in the tax on plumbers. Instead of making a flat rate of \$50, it was agreed to continue the scale in effect at present.

BIG CELEBRATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S

Patriotic Hibernians to Have Parade, Divine Services and Two Banquets To-Night.

Nothing has been left undone by local committees to make to-day's celebration of St. Patrick's the greatest ever held in this city. This morning almost every one will be wearing green. Streets and buildings will be gay with flags and the crowd will proceed to St. Patrick's Church, where solemn high mass will be celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Father H. J. McGee, at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Father Augustus Fleming, a native of Australia, but now stationed in Washington, will preach the sermon. After the services the assemblage will proceed to meet again under the banquet hall in the evening. The Masonic Temple, not being available this year, and no other room large enough to accommodate the crowd, it will be divided. Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Division No. 2 of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 2 of the Sacred Heart, will hold forth at the hotel.

At the hotel Mr. M. A. Powers will be (lastmaster, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Mulvey, of Portsmouth, State Vice-President. The program by Mr. S. L. Kelley, "The Day We Celebrate," the Rev. Father Augustus Fleming, "The Irish Race," the Rev. Father H. J. McGee, "The Church," Mr. John Flood, State Secretary, "The Ancient Order of Hibernians," Mr. Phil Kelley, "Woman," Mrs. John Teedy, "The Ladies' Auxiliary," Mr. James Casey, former State president, will delight the audience with one of his inimitable shaggy dog stories. The program will be rendered by Messrs. H. J. and Joseph Smith.

The celebration in the Sacred Heart hall, under the auspices of Division No. 3 of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 1, will be no less brilliant and enjoyable than that at the hotel. Dr. D. J. Coleman is the (lastmaster. The speakers for the evening will be the Rev. Father, J. B. O'Reilly, Mr. J. J. Creamer, Mr. C. F. Taylor, Miss M. L. Creamer and Miss Agnes Ferriter.

Men's and Boys' Spring Suits At Less Than Cost

All of last season's Spring and Summer Suits are on sale, to be disposed of before we announce our this season's formal opening.

Fancy Suits, Black Suits, Blue Suits for men, youths and boys at the following reductions:

Men's and Youths' Suits

Those that sold up to \$18 now - - - \$8.25
Those that sold up to \$25, now - - - \$10.50

Boys' and Children's Suits

Those that sold up to \$6.50, now - - - \$3.65
Those that sold up to \$8.50, now - - - \$4.65

No goods sent on approval during this sale.

Gans-Rady Company

RUMOR OF FIGHT ON DANIEL NOW HEARD

If Ultra-Bryan Politicians Force Issue Convention May Throw Over Nebraska Man and Indorse Virginia Senator for President.

Since Chairman J. Taylor Eliason has called the State Democratic Committee to meet here next week to arrange for the approaching convention, the probable personnel of the Virginia delegation to the national gathering has been the subject of much discussion in political circles.

The State at this time is apparently for Bryan for the nomination, but some overzealous supporter of the Nebraskan has dropped a suggestion, which, if prosecuted in the slightest extent, is likely to create the greatest row ever witnessed in a Virginia convention, and turn the scale in some other direction. No one seems to know exactly who is responsible for the rumor, but it is being discussed in many quarters, from which come the statement that in view of the recent fiery colloquy between Mr. Bryan and Senator Daniel in the lobby of the New Willard, in Washington, the extreme Bryan partisans would prefer that the senior Senator be not sent to the national convention as a delegate-at-large from Virginia.

Would Be Rallying Cry.

Admirers of Senator Daniel in this city are disposed to resent the suggestion, and some of them declare that if the issue is made, the convention will stand by Daniel and refuse to instruct for or even indorse Mr. Bryan. They believe that any semblance of a fight on Senator Daniel would be but a rallying cry to the masses from the mountains to the seashore, and that it would then be difficult to keep the convention from deciding in favor of him for the first place on the ticket.

One of the best informed politicians in Richmond—a Bryan man, but an admirer of Senator Daniel—said last night that he had heard serious talk among some of the ultra-Bryan people about

fighting the election of Senator Daniel as a delegate-at-large, and that he expected the issue to crop out more strongly when the county and city mass-meetings are held.

It is not known who Senator Daniel favors for President, but one certain thing is that the Democratic voters of the State are willing to send the Virginia statesman to the convention without instructions, as they have delighted to do on many previous occasions.

Would Obey Instructions.

It may be that the senior Senator does not look upon Mr. Bryan as the most available man to lead the party this year, but if the convention should declare for the Nebraskan, the Senator would find no trouble in obeying the will of his people, according to warm friends in this city. It would be an infraction of a long and unbroken custom in Virginia not to send two United States Senators and the Governor as three of the delegates-at-large.

Senator Daniel has gone to the big meetings for more than two decades, and he is the only delegate from Virginia in recent years who has loomed up as a striking figure in national conventions. He seconded the nomination of Allen G. Thurman in the Cincinnati convention in 1888, and his great oration on that occasion is still remembered. He was temporary chairman of the Chicago convention in 1896, and has taken a prominent part in other conventions prior and subsequent to that time. It may be safely predicted that if he desires to go to Denver as a delegate, the convention will elect him by an overwhelming majority.

Notwithstanding the disapproval of the extreme Bryanists, this assertion is freely made even by the warm admirers of Mr. Bryan, who will vote to endorse the Nebraskan man.

LIVELY WEEK IN POLITICAL FIELD

Democrats and Republicans Both to Have Meetings During the Next Few Days.

Much activity will prevail in political circles, both Democratic and Republican, during the next few days, and some interesting developments are anticipated before the week is ended. Announcement was made on Wednesday night that another meeting of the new Federal Union League, of which the city is the headquarters, would be held at Thon's Hall to-morrow night, and though there is some hitch about the matter, the proposed rally will take place. It does and Mayor McCarthy is well enough to appear. It is expected that he and Judge Richardson will come together to the meeting, and that the primary or secondary contest and make things lively.

The Mayor was still confined to his room last night, and had nothing to say to the press. He is expected to appear at the meeting of the Clay Ward Active on Saturday night. His exact course is therefore not known, but his friends and supporters were saying yesterday that he would be heard from in due time. The local situation is becoming more interesting as the day of the election approaches. The retirement of Alderman John Mann from the race in Marshall Ward was brought about by the fact that he had been indicted by the grand jury, and his friends are urging him to stand for the upper, instead of the lower, tier of the contest.

Uppurular Move.

The City Democratic Committee will meet on Friday night, on Friday night, to receive the report of the Committee on Finance, with reference to the assessments to be levied on the city for the purpose of running in the primary, and to make other arrangements for the voting, which will take place on April 1st. The Committee on Finance will report on the question of a site for the proposed new Federal building, and the report will be heard in political circles, as members of the committee do not think a Republican administration would do so. Democratic primary on such a subject. Mr. Brooks's answer to this point is that the Republican might hold a convention on the same matter, but in any event the proposition is considered infeasible, and will, therefore, not be adopted.

The Republican District Convention, to be held in Manchester on Thursday, promises to be a tame and devoid of anything bordering on the spectacular. It will not be necessary to invoke the "holy stick." The fighting and the talk have been held here recently to elect delegates, when the Lily White-Tate-Roosevelt-Luce combination swept every thing before it. This mass-meeting set the pace for the counties, and all the delegates chosen appear to be of the Lily White-Tate-Roosevelt-Luce type. Mr. Postmaster Cabell and Deputy Marshal Bright will be sent as delegates to the Chicago convention.

Absolute harmony is expected in the district convention, and its work will probably be completed in one sitting. The Republican State Convention will meet in Lynchburg on April 8th, and this will likewise be dominated completely by the "Lily Whites."

CHRISTIAN TURK SEEKS BROTHER

Became Separated in Washington and Appeals to Chief of Police for Help.

Andrea Philippa, or more properly the Rev. Andrea Philippa, of Turkey, was a caller on Major Werner yesterday morning, seeking information concerning a lost brother, from whom he had become separated in Washington. The two are trying to obtain funds for the church somewhere in the Turkish dominions, and they bear letters from the Sultan himself and from President Roosevelt. They have been in the country nearly a year. The brother's name is Elil Philippa, and his Washington address is 622 E Street. Andrea Philippa is now stopping at the Belmont Restaurant on Broad Street, but will meet his brother in the chief office, if the missing one can be found.

WOMAN WAS INSULTED

Mrs. Baker Sues Railroad and Sleeping Car Company for \$12,000.

Claiming that she was insulted and ill-treated by an intoxicated passenger, Mrs. Maud M. Baker filed suit in the United States Circuit Court yesterday against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the Pullman Palace Car Company. She claims that Mrs. Baker was traveling from Wilmington to Weiden, N. C., on the night of January 25, 1907. It is alleged that the country two of the intoxicated person, whose name is unknown, entered her berth, causing her to suffer a serious shock and nervous prostration. The cost of which was \$500.

Don't Let Your Piles Grow.

Every Hemorrhoidal Ulcer is a Fertile Field for Cancer and Other Deadly Diseases.

Constitution unchecked brings inflammation, inflammation begets piles and piles too often superinduce tumors of malignant nature.

Piles (or hemorrhoids) rarely kill, but they cause more agony in a few minutes than much more serious troubles.

They are easy to cure if you go at it right.

An operation with the knife is dangerous, agonizing, and rarely a permanent success.